

**Domestic Relations Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
March 19, 2010

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, March 19, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Frances G. Hill, Karen M. Love, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Richard R. Stalbrink, Dean A. Young, and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Jan Raffauf, Policy Analyst; and Cynthia Longest, Deputy Director, Child Support Bureau; Lindsey Borschel, Web Coordinator and Daryl Stites, Web Application Developer, both from the Division of State Court Administration; and Robert Monday, PACE; and Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates; and Jason Cannon and Chris Ochs were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on January 22, 2010 were approved by the committee.
5. Review of Parenting Time Guidelines.
  - a. Committee members discussed how the revisions to the parenting time guidelines should (1) address issues judicial officers see in the courtroom, and (2) look at the underlying premises of the guidelines. Members of the committee agreed to reach out to fathers, mothers, attorneys, child psychologists, bar associations, and invite comments from them.
  - b. Committee members agreed to gather all comments and organize them into topic areas. Jeff Bercovitz will do the initial sort of comments into topic areas. Committee members agreed to let the Judicial Center know the area they want to work in by April 2, 2010. They agreed to review comments in the area they have selected.
  - c. Members of the committee agreed to invite comment from experts and organizations rather than relying on one expert. Committee members should let the Judicial Center know the experts and organizations which should be invited to comment on the parenting time guidelines by April 2, 2010.
  - d. Judge Hill requested changing the numbering system of the parenting time guidelines in order to get more captions and a better table of contents.
  - e. Members of the committee agreed to review a technological area of parenting time, which may include parenting plans, (e.g. Lake Co.), electronic parenting time, the “OurFamilyWizard” software, and other areas.
  - g. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed a draft copy of notice of the public hearing for Indiana’s Parenting Time Guidelines Review, which was revised. Committee members agreed to a public hearing to gather ideas about amendments to the parenting time guidelines on May 21, 2010. They discussed taking public comment once a revised draft was completed.
6. Guest comments:
  - a. Bob Monday suggested looking ahead seven to ten years during this review of the parenting time guidelines.

- b. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed materials from Stuart Showalter entitled, "Virtual Visitation."
7. Child support calculators reviewed. Lindsey Borschel and Daryl Stites, Division of State Court Administration: (1) demonstrated the practitioner's calculator to members of the committee. They noted this calculator was streamlined and will have little help with it. They also reported the child support worksheets will note, at the bottom of each page, which calculator produced it; (2) showed a preview of the downloadable calculator, which is similar to the practitioner's calculator; and (3) reported updates to the step by step calculator, including its production of a child support worksheet for amounts under the combined weekly adjusted income of \$100 per week.
8. Recent legislation.
- a. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed Senate Bill 163 to members of the committee. Cynthia Longest, Child Support Bureau, Department of Child Services agreed to work with Magistrate Bobay on language for the immediate income withholding under this new law.
- b. Senate Bill 178, concerning the paternity affidavit, was distributed to the committee.
9. Other. Judge Fee distributed AFCC materials for their conference on June 2-5, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. He also discussed formation of a working group for the AFCC conference coming in the fall of 2011 to Indiana.
10. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, May 21, July 16 and August 20, October 22 and November 19, from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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